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In early December 1951 a large number of ROK and United States prisoners, many of them wounded, were in a POW camp in the hills and valleys in the area of the Chosan-dong (126-04, 40-08) (BV-5046) Mine. ROK and United States prisoners were treated alike, except that ROK prisoners were exposed to lectures on politics and Communism. Food consisted mainly of corn flour, rice, and unhulled wheat. Often 10 to 20 prisoners were taken out of the camp at night and did not return. The prisoners did not remain in the camp for more than three months and for that reason some guards at the camp thought it was probably a transient POW camp being used by prisoners enroute to Manchuria. The camp had ten Chinese officer advisers. Three or four Soviet officers visited the camp every four or five days.

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